

# TOOTLES THE TAXI

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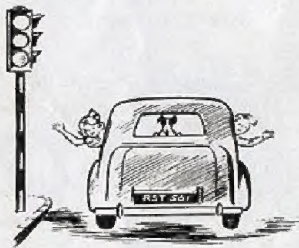
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I'm Tootles the taxi,  
I'll give you a ride.  
Put up your hand,  
Then jump inside.  
Just watch the meter,  
You'll see the fare—  
Distance no object—  
Go anywhere!





I'm Oompus the omnibus ;  
I never shirk  
Taking my passengers  
Home from their work.  
I dash through the streets  
In the wind and the rain,  
And back to the depot  
When night comes again.







I'm Tony the tractor,

I work on the land.

A farmer sits on me

And gives me a hand.

I'm tied to the plough

That turns the rich soil,

And my life it seems

Is one round of toil.





I'm Archie the ambulance  
Sounding my bell,  
Bandages ready,  
A stretcher as well.  
Straight from the hospital  
Out to the town,  
Where someone it seems  
Has just been knocked down!





I'm Stumbles the steam-roller,  
Clumsy and slow,  
Flattening the road out  
Wherever I go.  
Sending out clouds  
Of dirty, black smoke,  
Making my driver  
Splutter and choke!





I'm Larry the lorry  
And I'm full of tricks;  
Often you see me  
Tipping-up bricks—  
Sometimes it's timber  
I take on the road,  
But always I carry  
A very big load.







I'm Co-Co the caravan  
Towed by a car;  
Two wheels to rest on  
And carry me far.  
Windows with curtains,  
A real home from home;  
A warm friendly welcome  
Wherever I roam!





I'm Binkie the bicycle  
Pedalling fast ;  
A large van in front  
I cannot get past!  
I'm sounding my bell,  
But he cannot hear,  
So I'll just play safe  
And keep in the rear!





I'm Maurice the motor,  
A bright shiny blue;  
And you'd be surprised  
At the things I can do!  
I carry five people  
With luggage besides,  
And everyone says:  
" 'Twas such a nice ride! "





I'm Minnie the milk-float,  
And I never grouse  
When early each morning  
I call at your house.  
I carry the milk round  
In bottles galore,  
Leaving them daily  
At everyone's door.







I'm Monty the motor coach  
Off to the sea,  
With holiday-makers  
All out for a spree!  
Hear them all singing,  
And oh, what a row!  
Not far to travel—  
Almost there now!





I'm Roy the removal-van  
Loaded with wares,  
Stacked up with wardrobes  
And tables and chairs!  
In just a few minutes now  
I'll be away,  
For someone is leaving  
This district to-day.





I'm Colin the cattle-truck,  
Steady and slow,  
Taking the livestock  
To win at the show.  
I'm careful the animals  
Come to no harm,  
And drive them back safely  
To graze on the farm.





I'm Mickey the mail van,  
And I never fail  
To find all the people  
For whom I have mail.  
I carry the parcels,  
The large and the small,  
And I'm always welcome  
Wherever I call.







I'm Willie the water cart ;  
Work hard I must,  
Sprinkling the water  
To keep down the dust.  
I travel the roadways,  
And think it is fun  
To drench all the people  
And then see them run !





I'm Ronnie the railway dray  
Working so hard ;  
Loaded with luggage  
At each station yard.  
Stacked up with parcels—  
Oh! such a weight.  
I must get along now  
Or I shall be late!





I'm Timbo the trolley-bus,  
A pulley I'm towing ;  
Names on my front and back  
Tell where I'm going.  
Gliding through busy streets,  
Stopping and starting,  
Watching my passengers  
Meeting and parting.





I'm Cuthbert the coal cart  
And I take the road,  
Carrying with me  
A very big load.  
After the coalman  
Has emptied the sacks,  
I turn round again  
And we journey back.







I'm Billy the baker's van,

Painted bright red;

I carry the sugar buns,

Pastry and bread.

I take all the orders

Round to each door,

And all of my customers

Come back for more!





I'm Minkie the motor-bike

Off for a run,

Gathering up speed

Can be glorious fun!

For I am a racer

And run with a zest

To win all the races—

North, South, East, and West.





I'm Biffo the bull-dozer,

I know my worth.

When I get to work

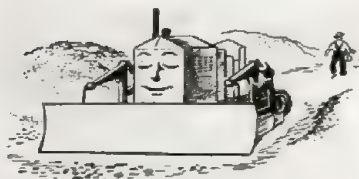
I soon move the earth.

So powerful am I,

That no one can say

I don't earn my rest

At the end of the day!





I'm like the ice-cream van  
Looking so gay;  
You hear my hooter  
When I come your way.  
Cornets or wafers,  
Just take your pick—  
Almost sold out now—  
Better be quick.







I'm Flashy the fire-engine  
Off to a blaze ;  
I'll soon put the fire out  
While folk stop and gaze.  
Dashing through busy streets,  
Clanging my bell,  
Carrying hose-pipe  
And firemen as well.





I'm Terry the tanker,  
So heavy and slow;  
Tank full of petrol  
All ready to go.  
When streets are narrow  
I slow down the rate,  
Because I'm so clumsy  
And carry such weight.







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